

committee prompted a return of pro-worker and pro-labor elected representatives at all levels of public life in Southern California.

His dedication to Union members and working families and advocacy of training and education for all propelled him to the leadership of the largest Teamsters Joint Council in 1998. This was followed by his election to Western Region Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. He was re-elected IBT Vice President in June, 2006.

More recently, Jim spearheaded the region's massive donation, mobilization and transportation of foodstuffs and necessities to the families of San Diego-based United States Marines deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan when it became known that welfare and food stamps were keeping families afloat.

Under his leadership, Teamster's Joint Council 42 inaugurated an annual scholarship program, created a computerized phone center for Union-to-member communications, and secured the award-winning Teamsters Joint Council 42 truck and trailer, which traverses the country for organizing and charity relief purposes.

He has also recently overseen the creation of the Teamsters Training Academy, a comprehensive training and upgrading facility to license commercial drivers.

Jim's commitment to the community has also led him to train for and join the city of El Monte Police Department as a reserve officer where he serves as a sergeant. In addition, Jim is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reserve officer.

Jim Santangelo has been an inspiration to working families throughout Southern California—and truly deserves the honor as "Labor Leader of the Year."

**CONGRATULATING PENNSYLVANIA
SENATOR CHARLES D. LEMMOND
AND MRS. BARBARA LEMMOND
FOR RECOGNITION RECEIVED
FROM THE SALVATION ARMY
FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my personal friends Senator Charles D. Lemmond and his wife, Barbara, who have been honored by the Salvation Army of the greater Wilkes-Barre area for their many years of community service.

Senator Lemmond has represented the 20th senatorial district in the Pennsylvania Senate since 1985 and is retiring at the end of this year. He is chairman of the Senate State Government Committee, Vice Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a member of the Senate Committees on Rules and Executive Nominations, Finance, and Military and Veterans Services.

A former Common Pleas Court judge in Luzerne County, Senator Lemmond is currently chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and he serves on the Joint Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and the Joint State Government Commission's Task Force

on Decedent's Estates. Senator Lemmond is also a member of the Reapportionment Task Force, the Elections Reform Task Force and the Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Legislatively, Senator Lemmond was the prime sponsor of a law providing judicial access to juvenile crime reports, a major anti-drug law aimed at imposing tougher punishments for repeat drug offenders, a law providing for the housing of state prisoners in federal prisons, and a law providing sentencing procedures for first-degree murder.

Senator Lemmond has also been instrumental in the passage of voter registration and election reform laws and, most recently, a law requiring hearing screening for all infants born in the Commonwealth. He has also sponsored numerous initiatives relating to government ethics, charitable organizations, tourist promotion, agriculture preservation, natural resource conservation and industrial site clean up.

A past potentate of Irem Temple, he is a 33rd degree Mason, a trustee of the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church, an advisory board member of the Salvation Army, a life member of the board of trustee of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School and an advisory board member of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

Senator Lemmond is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He also served overseas in the U.S. Army of Occupation.

Barbara Northrup Lemmond is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and she attended Skidmore and Elmira Colleges. During a career spanning 37 years, she served as secretary to the Luzerne County Register of Wills, was a nursery school teacher for B'nai B'rith, co-owned Project 40, a handcraft and antique shop, served as office manager to a local physician as well as secretary for the Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre campus.

Mrs. Lemmond's dedication to the enhancement and well-being of the northeastern Pennsylvania community extends beyond her business acumen. She serves as a member of the board of directors for Wesley Village and the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association. She is an active volunteer for the Back Mountain Memorial Library and has been a driver for Meals on Wheels for more than 30 years, which is still a part of her weekly routine.

Mrs. Lemmond has served as past secretary, vice president, and board member for the Back Mountain Memorial Library, as well as a board member and president of Meals on Wheels. She has also served as a board member and president of the Luzerne County Library Systems, and a teacher at First United Methodist Church School in Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Lemmond has also been a volunteer for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Planned Parenthood of Luzerne County, the Swetland Home, and a member of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

On a personal note, my wife Nancy and I have known Charlie and Barbara for many, many years, since Charlie and I were young lawyers in the Luzerne County bar. Although we are members of different political parties, Charlie and I have always been friends and have been able to work together to serve Northeastern Pennsylvania. His thoughtful and dedicated service to our region and the Commonwealth will be greatly missed, and I wish

him and Barbara all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Senator and Mrs. Lemmond on this joyous occasion. Together, they have contributed greatly to improving the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania through their selflessness and love of community.

MARY A. BAIN: A NATIONAL
TREASURE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, last month, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois mourned the loss of a dedicated and extraordinary public servant. Mary Anderson Bain brought her many talents, a firmly-rooted commitment to the New Deal principles of expanding opportunities to all, and a deep love of the arts to a career that has enriched our Nation.

Mary Bain is known by many of us from her long service with Representative Sid Yates, and she was one of the first women chiefs of staff when she accepted that position in 1975. Mrs. Bain was gracious and charming, but she was also politically-savvy and focused when it came to contributing to the well-being of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois and promoting the interests that she and Representative Yates shared. The two of them were a finely-tuned team who, together, were able to do great things.

In 2003, Mary Bain received the Heritage Defender Award, an award that recognized her many achievements: helping to create a cultural heritage grants program for the National Park Service and a conservation program at the Institute of Library and Museum Services and to ensure funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery, and the Kennedy Center.

At the awards ceremony, Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI said, "Not only did Mary Bain save national treasures, she is a national treasure."

Mrs. Bain served the Nation but she started her public service in Illinois, first as a junior high school English teacher and later as the Illinois administrator of the National Youth Administration, a depression-era New Deal initiative. She was one of the youngest and one of the few women leaders. Part of the Works Progress Administration, the NYA provided young men and women with small work study payments so that they could afford to get an education. It provided an opportunity for a generation of young people who would otherwise have lost hope and their chance for a better future.

Mary Bain followed two guiding principles throughout her life. One was the belief that publicly-accountable government could make a positive difference in people's lives, whether it is in preserving the environment, providing education opportunities and financial security or expanding our cultural life. She was proud to be a liberal and made no bones about it.

The second was her commitment to sharing what she had learned from her decades of public service with others. There are many